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| In re Patent of Lynch         | : |                      |
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| For: Bird Guard               | : |                      |

This is a decision on the petition filed December 23, 2008, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 2, 2004. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5 year maintenance fee was Monday, November 3, 2008. This petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Therefore, this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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